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2006 Planting Intentions

The following data are the results of the National Agricultural Statistics Services's March Agricultural Survey, which asked farmers and ranchers across Oregon and the rest of the United States about their plans for the 2006 crop year. Thank you to each person who supplied data to help make this report possible. These estimates will be updated in the June Acreage Report, which will be released on June 30, 2006.

Oregon

Winter wheat growers planted an estimated 800,000 acres for harvest in 2006, a decrease of 4 percent when compared to last year. **Spring wheat** planted acreage intentions are estimated at 110,000, down 15,000 acres from 2005 and 70,000 acres from 2004.

Acres planted and to be planted to **corn** are estimated at 50,000 acres. This is down 6 percent from last year and 14 percent from 2004.

Barley acreage is expected to total 50,000 acres, 15,000 acres less than 2005 and the lowest total since 1892. In 2004, Oregon barley producers planted 75,000 acres.

Oats planted acreage intentions, at 45,000 acres, are up 5,000 acres from last year. In 2004, 50,000 acres were planted.

Sugarbeet acreage in Oregon is expected to total 11,000 acres, compared to 9,800 planted acres in 2005.

Dry bean intentions are estimated at 12,000 acres, up from 9,000 acres last year and 8,000 acres in 2004.

Oregon producers intend to harvest 980,000 acres of **all hay**.

United States

Winter wheat planted area for the 2006 crop is 41.4 million acres, up 2 percent from 2005, and virtually unchanged from the December Winter Wheat Seedings report. **Spring wheat** growers intend to plant 13.9 million acres this year, down 1 percent from 2005.

Growers intend to plant 78.0 million acres of **corn** for all purposes in 2006, down 5 percent from 2005 and 4 percent below 2004. If realized, this will be the lowest corn acreage since 2001.

Acres seeded and to be seeded to **oats** for the 2006 crop year are expected to total 4.32 million acres, up 2 percent from last year's planted area.

Barley growers intend to plant 3.67 million acres for 2006, down 5 percent from last year. If realized, this will be the lowest barley planted acreage on record.

Producers expect to harvest 61.5 million acres of **all hay** in 2006, down fractionally from 2005.

Area planted to **sugarbeets** for the 2006 crop year is expected to total 1.37 million acres, 6 percent higher than the 2005 planted acreage.

Prospective 2006 planting of **dry beans** in the U.S. totals 1.71 million acres, up 3 percent from last year and 26 percent above 2 years ago.

Crop summary: Area planted, Oregon and United States, 2004-2006

Crop	Oregon				United States			
	Area planted ¹			2006/2005	Area planted ¹			2006/2005
	2004	2005	2006 ²		2004	2005	2006 ²	
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	Percent
Wheat, winter	820	830	800	96	43,350	40,433	41,404	102
Wheat, spring	180	125	110	88	13,763	14,036	13,899	99
Barley, all	75	65	50	77	4,527	3,875	3,667	95
Oats	50	40	45	113	4,085	4,246	4,324	102
Corn, all field	58	53	50	94	80,929	81,759	78,019	95
Hay, all ³	1,130	1,000	980	98	61,966	61,649	61,478	100
Dry edible beans	8	9	12	133	1,354	1,665	1,710	103
Sugarbeets	12.9	9.8	11.0	112	1,345.6	1,294.8	1,371.8	106

¹ Acres planted or to be planted for all purposes.

² Intended plantings in 2006 as indicated by reports from farmers.

³ Acres harvested or intended to be harvested.